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1. WHEN I SAW BRAND FOURIE LAST WEEK (REFTEL B), I
INDIRECTLY INQUIRED WHETHER SAG WAS IN TOUCH WITH GOZ
TO DISCUSS ALLEGED INCIDENT AT SHESHEKE AND THEREBY
LIMIT POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS
WHICH COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON CURRENT INITIATIVES.
FOURIE DID NOT TAKE UP THIS OPENING.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN PORTUGUESE WERE ENGAGED IN
ANTI-GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE THEIR
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FORCES OCCASIONALLY MADE INCURSIONS INTO ZAMBIAN

TERRITORY. GOP QUICKLY FOLLOWED THESE UP WITH APOLOGIES AND OFFERS OF COMPENSATION WHICH MOLIFIED GOZ AND LIMITED DAMAGE TO RELATIONS.

3. I WOULD THINK THAT WITH GOOD RELATIONSHIP BUILT UP OVER PAST YEAR BETWEEN KAUNDA AND FOSTER, SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD HAVE QUICKLY APPROACHED ZAMBIANS AFTER SHESHEKE TO CLARIFY MATTERS AND TO MAKE AMENDS IF SAG FORCES WERE INDEED INVOLVED. MY INDIRECT QUESTION TO FOURIE WAS DESIGNED TO ELICIT THIS INFORMATION OR SUGGEST DESIREABILITY OF SAG TAKING SUCH AN INITIATIVE.

4. IN FACE OF APPARENT GOZ DETERMINATION TO PRESS FOR UNSC CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGED SAG INCURSION (REFTEL A), I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR ME TO SEE PM VORSTER TO INQUIRE WHETHER SAG HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOZ ON INCIDENT AND WHAT STEPS SAG MIGHT HAVE TAKEN OR COULD TAKE TO PERSUADE GOZ NOT TO PUSH UNSC CASE. I THINK THIS COULD BE DONE IN FRIENDLY WAY WITHOUT ANTAGONIZING PM. ADVISE.
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